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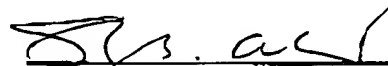
Receipt of the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 is acknowledged. Claims 1-3 and 5-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 4 has been amended. Support for the amendment can be found in original claim 4 and throughout the specification. No new matter is presented.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite and vague. Without acquiescing in the rejection and in an effort to move prosecution forward, Applicants have amended claim 4 to recite that the claimed antibody is capable of binding to an epitope of the subject peptide. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow the pending claim.

If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of the subject Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-222/SBA in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

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